

NATIONALS PRIMED FOR OPENING GAME

Manager McAleer Announces Line-up for Contest With Norfolk.

LELIVELT INJURED IN CATCHING BALL

Hurts Finger, But Will Be in the Field on Saturday Afternoon.

By THOMAS S. RICE.

NORFOLK, Va., March 16.—The work-out this morning was short, but the fastest the Washington squad has yet shown.

Walker, Gray, and Reisinger did some pitching this morning, but will be put through a full course of sprints this afternoon in preparation for the first practice game with Norfolk next Saturday.

Lelivelt injured the middle finger of his right hand catching a fly ball this morning, but it is not serious, and the digit should be serviceable on Saturday.

Charley Street did the work behind the bat this morning, while Bill Rapp and John Doolittle Hardy cultivated the pitchers.

The day's medal for spryness went to that promising youngster Wid Conroy, who played all over the infield. Unglaub showed activity for a man who had his initial work last Monday, and he is whaling the ball a mile.

No Great Speed. Jerry Ohi will hardly be given a chance on Saturday. He has not yet evidenced any great speed and has not been asked, but there is an impression that he needs seasoning for a year or two.

"Don't know any other way to get these regular pitchers right than by pitching them," remarked the manager man this afternoon. "The physical condition of Walker, Gray, and Reisinger could not be better. They are not yet ready to curve, but they are fit to begin getting their speed and control in games."

McAleer heard indirectly from Groom today, and the intelligence was that the dilatary one is on his way to the camp here. It will take him a week or ten days to get ready and he will hardly be available for exhibition games before the team gets back to Washington.

Groom is badly needed for the departure of Witherspoon to Youngstown, Ohio, to see "Bonesetter" Reese has reduced the twirling staff and should any of those go lame there would hardly be enough material on hand for the exhibitions.

It is not known when Kid Elberfeld will arrive, but it is expected he should be here by Saturday he would not play, as Conroy will be kept at third until the Kid is fully ready.

The line-up Saturday against Norfolk will be: Brown, center; Schaefer, second; Gessler, right; Unglaub, first; Lelivelt, left; Conroy, third; McBride, short; Hardy and Rapp, catchers; Walker, Reisinger, and Gray, pitchers.

Street in Background. Charley Street will be kept in the background because of his impetuosity and because McAleer wants to look over Rapp and Hardy as thoroughly as possible before the season opens. He has a couple of young catchers in mind, but will not bother with them if his present staff fills the bill.

Rapp's throwing yesterday and today was so good that James took another look about the disadvantages of Bill's bad finger, and is wondering what he will do. If Bill develops a batting streak in the exhibition games he is mighty likely to be in our midst for some months yet, and great will be the joy of Peggy Bottom. Hardy seems reasonably sure of a berth.

The weather today is absolutely ideal, and never was there a training place where it was easier to get up a good healthy sweat without a breeze blowing oppressive, as it sometimes is in the Texas towns. So far, Norfolk has the bulk on anything the Washington club encountered in the weather line in three seasons in the Southwest.

YALE AND HARVARD
PLAN A YACHT RACE

Event Will Probably Be Yearly Feature on Thames Hereafter.

BOSTON, March 16.—Harvard will meet Yale in a yacht race in New London harbor June 29, just preceding the annual Harvard-Yale crew contest. Although the Harvard Yacht Club had just turned down the Yale Yacht Club's def. the Binnacle Club and Harvard organization, accepted the challenge without delay.

This race will be probably a yearly feature of the big Thames regatta. The "ragging," a crack Swampscott dory, owned by S. L. Brown, 19, of Marblehead, will represent the Harvard team in the first inter-collegiate yacht race ever sailed.

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James J. Jeffries, the champion heavyweight of the world, has written the story of his life exclusively for The Times.

Beginning today this autobiography will run in daily installments until completed. It will be found full of humorous anecdote and delightful sidelights on the "Big Fellow."

CHAPTER I.

Some Fighting That the Jeffries Family Did Before My Time.

HERE at the start I want to say that I am an American all the way through. I was born in America, and so were all of my forefathers for two full centuries ahead of me.

Being an American, I don't care a rap for titles of nobility. A man is just what he makes of himself, and nothing else counts. That's why I've never given out before a few private details of the Jeffries' family history that I'm going to set down here.

I've always been a great book reader. When I was a youngster I used to hide a candle under my bed in my own room and light it as soon as I was left alone, and melt the bottom end and stick it on my bedpost. Then I'd lie in bed reading until the birds began stirring in the branches outside my window in the early morning. In those days I never thought of writing a book myself. For that reason I never made a note of the things I've read about the Jeffries family in my father's old books, or of the stories I've heard him tell. But the most interesting things, I think, still stick in my memory.

The original stock of the Jeffries family was Scandinavian or Norse Viking. It has been traced back to Normandy in the year 900, or just about there. In 1066 my ancestors went to England on a fighting trip with William the Conqueror to the owner's taste in those days. At first it was Godfridus, then



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Godfrey, Godfrey, and Godfrey. Later it went through new changes, Gaeffroy, Jefferey, Jefferey, Jeffries, Jeffray, Jeffris and Jeffries, with a few other variations.

Fought in Crusades. There is a tradition that a certain Godfrey fought in the Crusades, and once saved the life of Richard Coeur de Lion, when he was attacked by a bear in the hills near the city of Jaffa, killing the bear with his sword. I never heard much about bear hunting in Palestine, but there must have been bears there in early days, or where did the bears come from that bothered the prophet Elijah? And if there was a bear in that country you could depend

upon anybody connected with the Jeffries family to find it.

This old Godfrey may or may not have been an ancestor of mine, and I'll not try to fill these pages with records extending back a thousand years. I'll start with the first of my family who came to America. He was Robert Jeffries, named after some Norman English ancestor away back in the year 1106, whose name was spelled Rolf Godfrey. This Robert Jeffries was born in Wiltshire, England, in 1556. His father was John Jeffries of Wiltshire, England, a country gentleman and landed proprietor whose family traced its descent directly back to the tenth century, and a cousin of Judge George Jeffreys (or Jeffereys or Jeffries), Baron of Wem, Chief Justice of England under King Charles II, and Lord Chancellor under James II, who died a prisoner in the Tower of London in 1689. He was a terror, and took deep delight in condemning people to death in batches of a dozen at a time.

Move to Virginia. Robert Jeffries came to America in the year 1631 and settled at Uplands, now Chester, Pennsylvania, where he died in 1723, leaving a large family.

Several of his sons afterward moved to Virginia, where they became large plantation owners and slave holders, and took part in the aristocratic pleasures of the times. They fought bravely through the Revolution and the War of 1812, and when things were dull did an Indian fighting and a lot of hunting in the West.

It has always been the pride of the Jeffries family that no Jeffries has ever been known to break his word. My great-grandfather, William Jeffries, sacrificed his whole fortune to save his honor. He was a planter, living on a splendid plantation at the head of the Shenandoah valley. He had several hundred broad acres of the finest land in Virginia and thirty slaves lived in the quarters. He was not of a sporting turn himself, but

most of the young Virginians around him were reckless young bloods, who considered it rather a point of pride to gamble large sums on horse races. One of these cavaliers got heavily into debt and asked William Jeffries to go his surety for \$50,000, which was an enormous sum in those days. My great-grandfather gave his word to do so. The young Virginian could not pay, and my ancestor felt himself bound in honor to make the amount good, although he could easily have slipped out of it. With the resolution of an old Roman he sold his great plantation, put his slaves up at auction, paid the other man's debt, and started life over again, this time brokenhearted at the disaster and crushed at parting with the old slaves that had long been in the family, died.

Honor Alone Left. "All is lost save honor," said my great-grandfather grimly. He got a big wagon and six horses, and with little else but his rifle, trekked out into what was then the wilderness with his motherless children. After terrible hardships he settled in Fairfield county, Ohio. It was a wild country then. He cleared away the virgin forest to make his farm. He married again, after a time, and reared many children out there on the frontier. His oldest son, who had acquired a little education in Virginia in the prosperous days, was regarded



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WASHINGTON MAN MAY LAND TITLE

Charley King to Receive Honors If Roy Gill Is Suspended.

According to a high official in the A. A. U., Roy Gill, the crack Mercerberg Academy sprinter, will most likely draw a thirty-day suspension for running under the colors of the Maryland Athletic Club in the big meet at Baltimore last Saturday evening and Charley King, of the Washington Grove Athletic Association will be awarded the winner's medal and title as 100-yard dash champion of the south Atlantic branch of the A. A. U.

Gill is alleged to have run in violation of the rule which forbids any scholastic athlete to run with an athletic club until the end of the school term, unless in a closed event. King was second man in the race in question and will probably receive the title and medal previously given to Gill. When seen this morning King stated that he would take no hand in the matter and would be more than glad to have Gill clear himself of the charges. "He's a better man than I am," said the Washingtonian, "and I do not like the idea of taking the trophy from him."

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Little Bits of News and Comment About the Athletes and Happenings In the Sport Realm of This Country

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A. A. U. TROUBLES NOT YET AT END

G. W. U. May Get Reprimand for Permitting Professional to Run.

The end of the Amateur Athletic Union troubles in Washington is not yet at hand.

When the chairman of the registration committee was reprimanded and the decision in the Byrd case reaffirmed, it was thought there would be quiet in the amateur ranks here. It now develops that for some time the officials of the union have been investigating the charge that an acknowledged professional was among the participants in the George Washington indoor meet.

That an ineligible competed is now pretty well established, but the question before the Amateur Athletic Union is just how severe should be the punishment. Under a strict interpretation of the rules the board has power to refuse future sanctions, but it is believed there is no disposition to deal so harshly, and a severe reprimand will probably be meted out to those responsible for the breach of the rules.

As soon as this case is disposed of it is expected that conditions here will assume their normal condition, with the A. A. U. in supreme control.

WALSH GETS A DRAW AND FANS GET SORE

Audience Thought Champion Had Much the Better of Deimont.

BOSTON, March 15.—Howls of derision for a fight verdict which gave Jimmy Walsh, the bantam champion, only a draw in his bout with Al Deimont are echoing here today.

The boys riot at the Armory Athletic Association, where so-called "Boston decisions" have frequently been rendered of late. From the tap of the first gong the fight was all Walsh, but the referee let it go as a draw. To the fans the decision was a joke.

ATTELL AND MORAN TO MIX IN GOTHAM

NEW YORK, March 15.—Owen Moran, the English boxer who recently lost the decision to Tommy Murphy, in San Francisco, will meet Attell in a ten-round bout on March 23, according to an announcement today by Billy Gibson, manager of the Fairmount Athletic Club, of this city.

The boys will meet at catch weights.

Joe Ferguson and Max Baker, of Boston, are matched to box at the Avon Athletic Club, Brooklyn, tonight.

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